

United States Code, and special pay for dental officers under section 302b of that title to which that officer would have been entitled on September 30, 1985, in accordance with the status of the officer (as determined by the Secretary concerned) during the period for which the pay is paid. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, an officer may not be paid special pay by reason of this paragraph in an amount greater than the amount of special pay to which the officer was entitled under such sections on September 30, 1985.

“(2) Paragraph (1) applies to an officer who on September 30, 1985, is entitled to dental continuation pay under section 311 of title 37, United States Code; or to special pay for dental officers under section 302b of that title.”

[Amendment of this note by Pub. L. 99-661 effective Nov. 14, 1986, see section 1342(h)(1) of Pub. L. 99-661, set out as an Effective Date of 1986 Amendment note under section 301 of this title.]

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 301e, 302f, 303a, 303b, 306 of this title.

### § 302c. Special pay: psychologists and nonphysician health care providers

(a) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.—A member who is—

(1) an officer in the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service and is designated as a psychologist; and

(2) has been awarded a diploma as a Diplomate in Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology,

is entitled to special pay, as provided in subsection (b).

(b) RATE OF SPECIAL PAY.—The rate of special pay to which an officer is entitled pursuant to subsection (a) shall be—

(1) \$2,000 per year, if the officer has less than 10 years of creditable service;

(2) \$2,500 per year, if the officer has at least 10 but less than 12 years of creditable service;

(3) \$3,000 per year, if the officer has at least 12 but less than 14 years of creditable service;

(4) \$4,000 per year, if the officer has at least 14 but less than 18 years of creditable service; or

(5) \$5,000 per year, if the officer has 18 or more years of creditable service.

(c) ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE PSYCHOLOGISTS.—The Secretary of Defense may provide special pay at the rates specified in subsection (b) to an officer who—

(1) is an officer in the Medical Service Corps of the Army or Navy or a biomedical sciences officer in the Air Force;

(2) is designated as a psychologist; and

(3) has been awarded a diploma as a Diplomate in Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology.

(d) NONPHYSICIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.—The Secretary concerned may authorize the payment of special pay at the rates specified in subsection (b) to an officer who—

(1) is an officer in the Medical Services Corps of the Army or Navy, a biomedical sciences officer in the Air Force, an officer in the Army Medical Specialist Corps, an officer of the Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy, an officer of the Air Force designated as a nurse, an officer

of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve designated as a physician assistant, or an officer in the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service;

(2) is a health care provider (other than a psychologist);

(3) has a postbaccalaureate degree; and

(4) is certified by a professional board in the officer's specialty.

(Added Pub. L. 100-140, §2(a), Oct. 26, 1987, 101 Stat. 830; amended Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VII, §704(a), (b)(1), (c), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1471; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title VI, §618(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1579; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(a)(2)(A), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title VI, §611, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2420; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, §617, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 362; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §614(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2544; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, §1073(c)(5), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1904; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [div. A], title VI, §627], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-153.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 302c, added Pub. L. 96-284, §3(a)(1), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 589, related to special pay for medical officers of the Public Health Service, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-513, title IV, §414(a), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2906, eff. Sept. 15, 1981.

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 106-398 inserted “an officer of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve designated as a physician assistant,” after “nurse.”

1997—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 105-85 made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 104-201, §614(b)(2)(B). See 1996 Amendment note below.

1996—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-201, §614(b)(1), substituted “Secretary concerned” for “Secretary of Defense” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 104-201, §614(b)(2)(B), as amended by Pub. L. 105-85, inserted before semicolon at end “, or an officer in the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service”.

Pub. L. 104-201, §614(b)(2)(A), struck out “or” after “Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy.”

Pub. L. 104-106 struck out “or” after “Air Force,” and inserted “, an officer of the Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy, or an officer of the Air Force designated as a nurse” before semicolon at end.

1992—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 102-484 substituted “Navy,” for “Navy or” and inserted before semicolon at end “, or an officer in the Army Medical Specialist Corps”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-25 amended section catchline generally.

1990—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-510 added subsec. (d).

1989—Pub. L. 101-189, §704(b)(1), struck out “in the Public Health Service Corps” after “psychologists” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 101-189, §704(c), inserted headings.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-189, §704(a), added subsec. (c).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Section 1073(c) of Pub. L. 105-85 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective as of Sept. 23, 1996, and as if included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, Pub. L. 104-201, as enacted.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 2(c) of Pub. L. 100-140 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this sec-

tion and amending section 303a of this title] shall take effect on October 1, 1987 or on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 26, 1987], whichever is later, and shall apply with respect to pay periods beginning on or after that effective date.”

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBSECTION (d)

Section 618(b) of Pub. L. 101-510 provided that: “The Secretary of Defense may not implement subsection (d) of section 302c of title 37, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), unless the Secretary submits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report—

- “(1) justifying the need of the military departments for the authority provided in such subsection; and
- “(2) describing the manner in which that authority will be implemented.”

[Report submitted to Committees on Apr. 29, 1994.]

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL PAY FOR ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE PSYCHOLOGISTS

Section 704(d) of Pub. L. 101-189 provided that: “The Secretary of Defense may not implement subsection (c) of section 302c of title 37, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), unless the Secretary submits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report—

- “(1) justifying the need of the military departments for the authority provided in such subsection; and
- “(2) describing the manner in which that authority will be implemented.”

[Report submitted to Committees on Apr. 20, 1994.]

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 302f, 303, 303a, 303b of this title.

### § 302d. Special pay: accession bonus for registered nurses

(a) ACCESSION BONUS AUTHORIZED.—(1) A person who is a registered nurse and who, during the period beginning on November 29, 1989, and ending on December 31, 2003, executes a written agreement described in subsection (c) to accept a commission as an officer and remain on active duty for a period of not less than four years may, upon the acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid an accession bonus in an amount determined by the Secretary concerned.

(2) The amount of an accession bonus under paragraph (1) may not exceed \$30,000.

(b) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR BONUS.—A person may not be paid a bonus under subsection (a) if—

- (1) the person, in exchange for an agreement to accept an appointment as an officer, received financial assistance from the Department of Defense to pursue a baccalaureate degree; or
- (2) the Secretary concerned determines that the person is not qualified to become and remain licensed as a registered nurse.

(c) AGREEMENT.—The agreement referred to in subsection (a) shall provide that, consistent with the needs of the uniformed service concerned, the person executing the agreement will be assigned to duty, for the period of obligated service covered by the agreement, as an officer of the Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy, an officer of the Air Force designated as a nurse, or an officer designated as a nurse in the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.

(d) REPAYMENT.—(1) An officer who receives a payment under subsection (a) and who fails to become and remain licensed as a registered nurse during the period for which the payment is made shall refund to the United States an amount equal to the full amount of such payment.

(2) An officer who voluntarily terminates service on active duty before the end of the period agreed to be served under subsection (a) shall refund to the United States an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount paid to the officer as the unserved part of such period bears to the total period agreed to be served.

(3) An obligation to reimburse the United States imposed under paragraph (1) or (2) is for all purposes a debt owed to the United States.

(4) A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than five years after the termination of an agreement under this section does not discharge the person signing such agreement from a debt arising under such agreement or this subsection. This paragraph applies to any case commenced under title 11 after November 29, 1989.

(Added Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VII, § 705(a)(1), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1471; amended Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title VI, § 613(a), title XIV, § 1484(d)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1577, 1716; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title VI, § 612(g), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2421; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VI, § 611(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1679; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2783; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 359; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2543; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1786; Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2039; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 650; Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title VI, § 622(b)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-151; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1135; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, §§ 612(c), 615(e), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2567, 2568.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-314, § 612(c), substituted “December 31, 2003” for “December 31, 2002”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 107-314, § 615(e), substituted “\$30,000” for “\$5,000”.

2001—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-107 substituted “December 31, 2002” for “December 31, 2001”.

2000—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 106-398 substituted “December 31, 2001” for “December 31, 2000”.

1999—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted “December 31, 2000” for “December 31, 1999”.

1998—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105-261 substituted “December 31, 1999” for “September 30, 1999”.

1997—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “September 30, 1999” for “September 30, 1998”.